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1. I DISCUSSED INDOCHINESE REFUGEE SITUATION THIS MORNING WITH MINISTERIAL DIREKTOR SUESS IN BAVARIAN INTERIOR MINISTRY. SUESS IS ACTION OFFICER FOR THIS QUESTION IN BAVARIAN GOVERNMENT AND ATTENDED BERLIN MEETING OCTOBER 13 AT WHICH AGREEMENT WAS REACHED TO ACCEPT ON ALL-GERMAN BASIS 3,000 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES NOW IN SOUTH-EAST ASIA.

2. SUESS SAID THAT BAVARIAN GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN WILLING TO ACCEPT 13.2 PERCENT SHARE OF FIRST 1,000 TRANCHE OF REFUGEES WITHOUT EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION BUT HAD RESERVATIONS ABOUT AGREEING TO CORRESPONDING SHARE OF SUBSEQUENT TRANCHES. HE ASCRIBED THIS DOUBLE POSITION TO: (A) DESIRE TO MAKE IMMEDIATE PRELIMINARY
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GESTURE OF GOOD WILL IN REGARD FIRST TRANCHE AND THUS GAIN TIME FOR

DEEPER CONSIDERATION OF SUBSEQUENT TRANCHE PROBLEM AND (B) SPECIAL SITUATION OF BAVARIA AS AREA INTO WHICH EASTERN EUROPEAN REFUGEES FROM MANY COUNTRIES COME IN FIRST INSTANCE AND WHERE MANY SUBSEQUENTLY SETTLE, THUS MAKING BAVARIA THE PART OF GERMANY WHICH, OVERALL, HAS ACCEPTED DISPROPORTIONATELY LARGE SHARE OF DISPLACED PERSONS. SUESS POINTED OUT THAT ONLY REFUGEE CAMP FOR DISPLACED EASTERN EUROPEANS IN GERMANY WAS LOCATED IN BAVARIA (ZIRNDORF) AND THAT BAVARIA'S SPECIAL SITUATION IN THIS REGARD ACCOUNTED FOR THE FACT THAT NO CHILEAN REFUGEES HAD BEEN ALLOWED TO COME HERE.

3. SUESS REGARDED 3,000 FIGURE FOR ALL OF GERMANY AS FIRM AND CONCEDED THAT, WHILE BAVARIA WOULD SEEK TO NEGOTIATE LOWER PERCENTAGE FOR REMAINING TRANCHES, HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT AGREEMENT WOULD BE HAMMERED OUT AMONG LAENDER IN FORTHCOMING DECEMBER 5 MEETING FOR PLACEMENT OF TOTAL FIGURE OF 3,000.

4. SUESS SAID THAT BAVARIA HAD IN MIND ALLOCATION OF APPROXIMATELY HALF ITS ASSIGNED FIRST TRANCHE 130 REFUGEE QUOTE TO PERSONS WHO WOULD COMPLETE FAMILY GROUPS, ONE OR MORE OF WHOSE MEMBERS ALREADY IN FRG, WITH REMAINING 50 PERCENT TO PERSONS WITH NO KNOWN CONNECTIONS IN FRG. HE ACKNOWLEDGED, HOWEVER, THAT THERE WAS LITTLE LIKELIHOOD THAT ENOUGH COULD BE FOUND IN FIRST CATEGORY TO MAKE UP 50 PERCENT AND WHAT END RESULT WOULD PROBABLY BE MUCH LARGER ADMISSION FIGURE FOR UNATTACHED PERSONS. HE SAID THAT FACTORS SUCH AS GERMAN LANGUAGE FAMILIARITY, OCCUPATION, HEALTH, EMPLOYABILITY, AND POLITICAL ACCEPTABILITY (NO KNOWN LEFTISTS OR SUBVERSIVES), WOULD PLAY A PART IN ESTABLISHING ACCEPTABILITY OF REFUGEES IN BAVARIA, BUT HE ADDED THAT BAVARIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD ACCEPT ASSESSMENT OF THESE FACTORS BY FRG REPRESENTATIVES SENT OUT TO REFUGEE CAMPS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

5. COMMENT. IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT BAVARIAN DELEGATION TO DECEMBER 5 MEETING (ALMOST CERTAINLY INCLUDING SUESS AS PRINCIPAL REPRESENTATIVE) WILL ATTEMPT LOWER BAVARIAN PERCENTAGE FROM 13.2 FIGURE AGREED TO AT BERLIN. HOWEVER FIGURE EVENTUALLY ARRIVED AT WILL BE HAMMERED OUT IN BARGAINING AMONG LAENDER, WITH BAVARIA IMPLICITLY COM-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MITTED ACCEPT WHATEVER SOLUTION IS EVENTUALLY REACHED. BAVARIAN DELEGATION WILL PLEAD ALREADY LARGE NUMBER OF DISPLACED PERSONS HERE AS WELL AS UNEMPLOYMENT RATE SLIGHTLY ABOVE NATIONAL AVERAGE. SPIVACK

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